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AFL & CIO BLAME BIG BUSINESS FOR COST OF LIVING

Economists for both the AFL and CIO blasted big business this week before the Senate-House Economic Committee for continuing to raise prices and pile up lush profits as a cushion against depression.

The AFL spokesmen said that labor will have to ask for "maximum wage increases" unless business stops raising prices and cuts those that are already "unduly high."

The CIO accused industry of piling up huge profits as a cushion against depression, but in so doing were only hastening such a bust.

Nelson H. Cruickshank, AFL economist, said:

"In view of the drastic price rises and the policy of many companies to charge all the traffic will bear, labor cannot refrain from asking maximum wage increases unless we have assurance from employers that they will meet our sacrifice by following policies which will avoid price increases and permit prices to decline where they are unduly high."

Building Industry To Continue Good For Year 1949

When there is activity in the building and construction industry, it is a sign that all business is good, and that no fears need be entertained as regards depressed business conditions.

According to a report recently issued by the Producers' Council Inc., materials and labor enough to sustain the 1949 building boom by providing \$18,100,000,000 worth of new construction are foreseen by the council.

The Council's national organization of Building Supply Manufacturers, issued its forecast as the government reported these housing developments:

1. The new federal "yield insurance" program, intended to attract large-scale investors into the moderate-rental housing field, has been set in motion by the Federal Housing Administration.

2. The Office of the Housing Expediter, ploughing through complaints of overcharges and other violations on 64,000 priority-built veterans' homes forecast completion of its job by April. A total of \$15,000,000 in allegedly improper charges is involved.

The Producers' Council said most materials will be "ample" for the \$18,100,000,000 worth of new building and \$7,000,000,000 worth of repair and maintenance work forecast for next year.

This would mean a volume of building, of all types, about equal to this year's, with a possible drop in housing construction but an increase in highway and other public works jobs. A Commerce Department industry committee has estimated that this year's dwelling construction will run to 1,200,000 units, including farm homes.

NLRB Cuts Large Backlog Of Taft-Hartley Cases

Washington—The National Labor Relations Board is rapidly clearing away the large backlog of cases which built up when provisions of the Taft-Hartley law first became effective.

The NLRB announced that it had trimmed its case load down about 40 percent from the end of April to the end of October.

At the end of April, 14,467 cases were pending. At the end of October the number had been whittled to 8,081, a reduction of more than 6,000.

In October the NLRB conducted more than 2,300 elections among employees with 206,000 ballots being counted.

Excess Tax Asked On Oil Companies For Airlift Profits

Washington—(FP)—Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) told the opening session of the joint Congressional profits committee Dec. 6 that oil companies making huge profits from government purchases of high octane gasoline for the Berlin airlift should pay back some of the gravy in the form of excess profits taxes.

In opening remarks before the subcommittee of the Joint House-Senate committee on the economic report, O'Mahoney joined Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.), chairman, in declaring that the biggest economic job before the country is paying for the armaments to oppose Russia without creating runaway inflation at home.

"But," O'Mahoney continued, "we see little attention being given by the big corporations to the fact that they are reaping these unprecedented profits because the U. S. government is making huge purchases from them. The government must buy steel for battle ships."

"The government also must buy great quantities of high octane gasoline. The airlift to Berlin is a good and necessary thing. But the big profits of the oil companies certainly come in part from government purchases of the gasoline to keep the planes flying."

"It is unthinkable that the big corporations should take advantage of the great armament program of the U. S., reap the profits and then evade taxes."

O'Mahoney declared that the big corporations either must cut prices or pay higher taxes. "If the government doesn't meet its bills by taxation," he declared, "it must be done by deficit financing. I am convinced that many businessmen who testify at these hearings will agree that taxation is better."

California Jobs at New High in Oct.

Despite work stoppages and material shortages in October, total employment in California manufacturing industries was at the highest peacetime October level on record and exceeded the October 1947 total by 4 per cent, the Dept. of Industrial Relations, has announced.

Peak employment was registered in October in four industry groups—apparel; paper; printing and publishing; and stone, clay, and glass—and in addition the iron and steel and electrical machinery industries set new peacetime records.

For the fifth consecutive month durable goods plants as a whole added workers to their rolls bringing employment in the group to 406,700 wage and salary workers in October, the highest level since the war. The current total is 5 per cent above a year ago.

Although employment in non-durable goods industries decreased substantially between September and October as a result of seasonal contraction in canning as well as work stoppages, the number of wage and salary workers employed this October, a total of 360,900, is higher than for any previous October in the history of the State.

People Live Longer; Plagues Wiped Out

The average person lives 25 years longer now than a century ago, the American Public Health Association reports. Back in 1850, men lived an average of 38.3 years and women 40.5 years, compared to 63.3 and 67.6 years now.

Some of the reasons, the association said, are that "typhoid fever has been virtually wiped out, tuberculosis reduced by 90 per cent, infant deaths cut 82 per cent," and deaths from diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever and some other diseases "practically eliminated."

Butchers Win New Wage Rate In Local 506

Ratification of the proposed new contract for retail butchers in Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito counties and the Watsonville area of Santa Cruz county was voted at meetings conducted by Butchers Union 506 this week, according to Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of the union.

New wage scale agreed upon in recent negotiations with employer groups is \$80 for journeymen butchers and \$90 weekly for head butchers, Moorhead said.

Gains in the new agreement include pro rata vacations and rewording of sections of the agreement for clarification, Moorhead said.

Wage boosts are retroactive to November 22, he added.

Ratification meetings were held in Salinas last Monday, Monterey, on Tuesday; San Jose, on Wednesday, and Palo Alto, on Thursday. While complete vote of the membership had not been recorded, Moorhead said ratification was virtually assured as the agreement was in accord with union demands.

Negotiations for an agreement for retail butchers in the Santa Cruz area, members of Butchers Union 266 of Santa Cruz, are to start at a meeting with employers there on Thursday, December 16, Moorhead added. Local 266 has its own contract as negotiated by Business Representative Kasper Bauer.

Jurisdiction Of Electrical Unions Settled

Jurisdictional boundaries of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas and Local 526 of Watsonville were clarified and any question which might arise was settled through a meeting of executive boards of the unions last week, according to Carl Lara, representative of Local 243.

Because of the government "prevailing wage" regulations, Local 243 will have jurisdiction to the northern limit of Monterey County. The regulations call for all state and federal projects of Monterey County to pay the prevailing wage scales based on a county-wide survey and differences which might possibly develop between wages of the two locals would cause confusion in government contracts unless the jurisdiction were settled in this manner, the joint meeting agreed.

All IBEW unions in this area have a mutual understanding on hiring of men and working conditions. Local 243 will have jurisdiction over the new PG&E project.

Must Demand The Union Label

The only answer to the current Union label problem is increasing demand by the public, Emma Putnam, Garment Workers' representative to the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council, said last week.

Mrs. Putnam stated that her organization had taken up the matter of displaying union labels in Levi-Strauss products and that the company's reply had been that they would insert the union label "if the public demanded it." The productive capacity of the local shop has reached substantial proportions, Mrs. Putnam said, and urged that a campaign be inaugurated to educate the buying public to buy the union label goods manufactured by this company.

Prisoner Labor Protests Mount

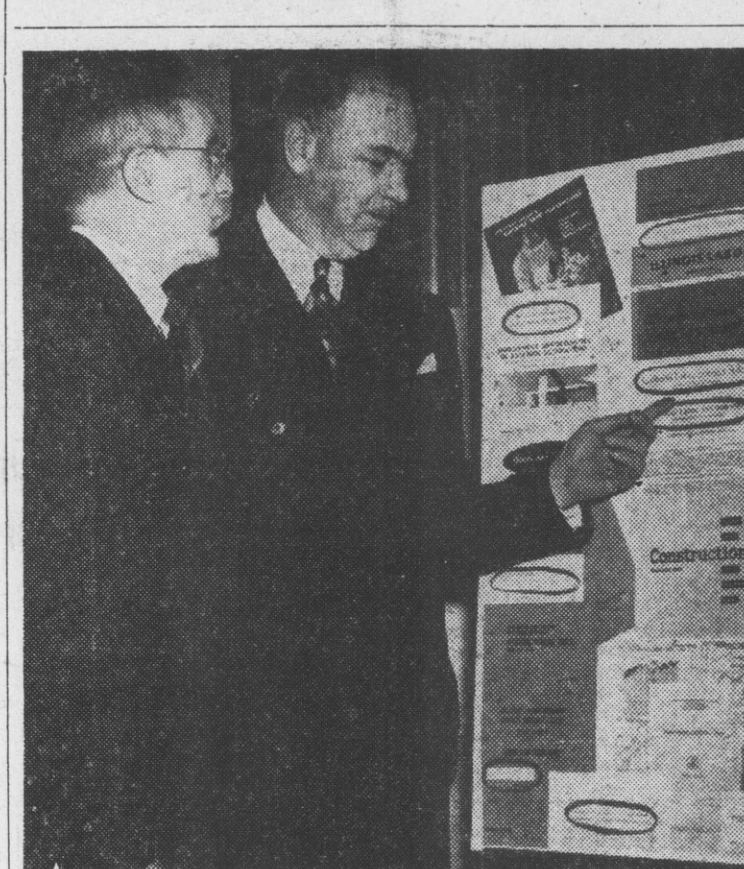
Protests to state authorities against use of prisoners at the state prison at Soledad in construction of new buildings for the prison continued to mount last week.

Carl Lara, representative of Salinas Painters 1104 and Electricians 243, sent letters to international union officials and others, pointing out that the prisoners are maintained by taxes and that they should not do work which might tend to keep union members from paying these taxes.

The Monterey County General Labor Union has sent protests also.

New underwear, towels and handkerchiefs for American soldiers will be of white materials instead of the war-time olive drab.

Kiddies Yule Party Set Saturday



SHELLEY AT WASHINGTON MEET—Labor laws facing the 1949 sessions of their state legislatures were debated by delegates from 43 states who met in Washington last week. Occasion was the 15th Nat'l Conference on Labor Legislation called by the Labor Dept. John Shelley (right), president of the California State Federation of Labor, shows Charles C. Webber, president of Virginia Industrial Union Council, a publication from the "sunny" state.

Culinary Group Asks Candidates Announce Plans

Text of a resolution adopted by the Mutual Association of the Monterey Bay area, a group of officials and delegates of culinary and bartender unions in Santa Cruz and Monterey County, calling upon all prospective candidates for office in the California State Federation of Labor to announce their intention to run at least 60 days before convention, was issued last week.

Alfred J. Clark, secretary of the association, said the resolution was approved at an open meeting of secretaries of culinary and bar crafts at Watsonville last month. The resolution is to be sent to the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders by such local unions as concur, he added.

The resolution follows:
RESOLUTION
(Requesting those seeking office in the California Federation of Labor to serve notice of intention.)
Whereas, all labor has been predicated upon our democratic way of life, and
Whereas, labor has traditionally advocated the adhering to and have practiced the policy of no discrimination in the field of organization, employment or membership, and
Whereas, in the past members of our California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees have been nominated to office where no prior knowledge of such nomination existed for the Council nor the locals of the district which the nominee would have served, if elected, and
Whereas, a nomination to office and subsequent election thereto, could occur, which would not be to the best interests of the district, in which they would have served, and

Resolved, that the Executive Board of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees instruct its secretary to issue a request to all affiliate locals to the effect that; should any member of any local, affiliate with the State Council and the California State Federation of Labor, they shall notify all affiliated locals of said Council of such intention not less than sixty days prior to the convention date of said Council.

Monterey's Cannery Row continued quiet last week as weather conditions prevented good sardine fishing, union officials said. Stormy waters and fog held boats generally in port and only a few plants worked last week.

During the first four months of 1948, China sent the United States over 1,500,000 pounds of feathers and many furs, including weasel and rabbit.

"Row" Quiet

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Bartenders 545 Elects Officers, Install Jan. 3

Annual election of officers of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 was completed last week with incumbents re-elected, according to Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

Installation of the new officers will be at the union's meeting of Monday, January 3, Clark added.

New officers are:

President—Virgil K. Knight

Vice president—William H. Eakin

Secretary—Alfred J. Clark

Investigation Officer—Jack Rehill

Chaplain—Marcus Barnes

Trustees—Stanley Parr, Dalton McCandless, Ralph Neighbors.

Local joint executive board — Peter C. Balestra

Executive board—Peter C. Balestra, Marcus Barnes, Chester Knox, Paul Krueger, Jack Rehill, George Rehl.

BLDG. TRADES UNIONS, NOTICE!

President Frank A. Lawrence of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, has called a meeting of the representatives of all interested Building Craft Unions in Salinas and Monterey.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 16, 1948, at 2 p.m. in the Building Trades Hall, 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey. President Lawrence and several international representatives will be present at this meeting to endeavor to affiliate the various building craft unions with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County.

All building crafts with jurisdiction in Monterey County are notified to have some member present to represent their local at this meeting, according to Brother Harry Foster, secretary of the Monterey County council.

Machinists Pick Officers

Newly elected officers of Mechanics and Machinists Union 1824 of Salinas were announced last week by Business Representative A. B. Woodward as follows:

President—Ira B. Corpening

Vice president—William S. Guertner

Financial secretary—Leslie Parkner

Treasurer—J. W. Wilkin

Conductor—Wayne Purcell

Sentinel—Mark F. Lavender

Trustee—H. E. Paden

Executive Board—Ivan R. Likes, Gene Cope, Neil M. Nunes, Peter A. Dean, Antonio Bismop, Peter Modolo, Charles Bishop.

Delegates to District Lodge 93—J. K. Gunn, W. F. Luck.

Soquel Firm To Wire School

Young Electric Co. of Soquel (Santa Cruz county) will do electrical wiring on the new Hall School at Pajaro, Business Representative Carl Lara of Salinas Electrical Workers 243 reports.

Two men have cleared through Local 243 to the job to begin temporary wiring, he added.

Frances Haynes' Mother Succumbs

Frances Douglass Haynes, office secretary of Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County for several years, and one of the most popular of union office workers in the area, traveled to Arizona last week following the death of her mother there. Funeral services will be held in Chicago, but Mrs. Haynes informed friends that she was not planning to make the trip east.

Behncke Re-elected Head Of Air Line Pilots Union

Chicago—David L. Behncke was re-elected to his 10th two-year term as president of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALP) at the close of the annual convention here. He has led the association since its founding 18 years ago. J. E. Wood of Eastern Air Lines was re-elected first vice-president and F. A. Spencer of American Air Lines was elected secretary, and R. G. Strait of Trans-World Airlines treasurer.

Salinas Labor Combines Efforts To Present Santa Claus, Show At High School for Youngsters

Arrangements were nearly complete last weekend for the annual Christmas party for children of the Salinas area at the Salinas High School auditorium, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 18, with a full length vaudeville circus show scheduled with Santa Claus due to appear at the climax to distribute gifts and candy to all youngsters.

Attention was called to the change in location—the show is in the high school auditorium, not the Armory as last year.

Full details of plans are given in the following news release from the committee:

Weeks of planning and work by a large number of interested people have resulted in virtual completion of arrangements for an outstanding party when kids of the Salinas area gather in the High School Auditorium December 18 as guests of the Monterey County Central Labor Council.

With the generous assistance of numerous business firms and individuals, the sponsoring group has organized a Christmas Party that should be one of the highlights of the holiday season.

The Ray Wheeler show which helped make last year's party a success will play a return engagement, this year sharing the spotlight with such proven attractions as G. Darwin Peavy's Hartnell College Tumbling Team. Tap dancers, trained dogs, and acrobats are included on the bill.

A major share in making the party a success has been taken by the Monterey County Musicians' Protective Union, Local No. 616, which is donating a top-flight orchestra. Santa Claus will be there, of course, and assurances have been received that his bag will contain something of real interest for every child who meets him.

All children of the area are cordially invited to attend. Parents may accompany the younger children, although the limited space makes it desirable for the older children to come by themselves, if possible.

In cases where lack of transportation might prevent a child from attending, phone the Central Labor Council at Salinas 7787, where the matter will be taken care of.

MEETING SET TO UNIFY ALL BUILDING UNITS

A meeting of representatives of all building trades unions in Monterey County has been called for 2 p.m. Thursday, December 16, at headquarters of the Monterey Building Trades Council, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, in an effort to work out plans for a united front of building trades units in the county.

Frank A. Lawrence, new president of the California Building Trades Council, will be present at the meeting and will explain why two separate building trades councils cannot be chartered for the county—one for Monterey and one for Salinas area.

Officials of building trades unions in the county caucused at the recent Fresno meeting of the state body in an effort to work out differences and decided to call the general meeting with Lawrence to attend in an effort to bring all such unions under the county-wide building council.

For years the Salinas unions have not been under an official building trades council but have worked mutually under a committee which worked under the Monterey County Central Labor Council, which has its headquarters in Salinas.

Painters' Progress

Business Representative Carl Lara of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas reports for the past week as follows:

Hewitt Paint Co. of Los Angeles has completed work on the new Grayson store in Salinas.

Cummings Floor Co. of Salinas has contracted for the floor laying project at the new Salinas Californian building.

Over 80,000 school buses are in use in the United States; they travel over 3,000,000 miles a day and transport some 4,500,000 pupils to 40,000 schools.

Sister Kenny's Fight on Polio Now Underway

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco—The Sister Kenny campaign to combat the dreaded disease of infantile paralysis is once more under way. Funds are now being raised to provide local Sister Kenny facilities—free hospitalization, training of doctors and technicians, scientific and medical equipment, essential research, organizational and educational work, and free treatment for polio sufferers to restore them to normal, healthy, happy lives.

A life-saving anoxia photometer and other scientific equipment and an operator were rushed to San Francisco at the request of doctors. The equipment proved most helpful, according to members of the medical profession.

The Federation endorses this campaign and urges the unions to cooperate as much as they possibly can.

IATSE Local 345 Elects Officers

Following closely upon the heels of Culinary Workers 345, Local 611 of the Motion Picture Operators (I.A.T.S.E.), announced last week the results of its annual election held last Tuesday. Reporting to the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council last week, James Wilson, union business agent, said that the election had been closely contested. Wilson had been retained as business agent. Other officers will be:

President, George Smith, Salinas. Vice-President, Paul Funchess, Carmel.

Recording Secretary, Dave Green, Watsonville.

Board of Trustees, Ray Beck, Watsonville, Joe Cota, Carmel, Charles Stanyan, Monterey.

Executive Board, Paul Funchess, Dave Green, James Wilson, George Smith, H. E. Packard, Floyd Parker, Salinas J. P. Miller, Gilroy, Stan. Falkenberg, Pacific Grove.

Wilson, N. Calif. Pres. of IATSE

James Wilson, business agent for Motion Picture Operators No. 611 will be president of the Northern California District Council of Motion Picture Operators for the coming year, according to reports from district headquarters. Albert Cox and Charles Cook, business agents of the Visalia and Santa Rosa locals, respectively, were elected first and second vice-presidents.

Veteran Anthony Noriega, former president of the California State Federation of Labor and currently president of San Francisco Local 162, Motion Picture Projectionists, was retained as secretary-treasurer, a position he has held for many years.

The District Council meets in San Francisco the second Thursday of each month at 1 o'clock.

Permanent Offer Heard

Officials of Salinas area unions which have members working at the two Permanent Metals Corp. plants at Moss Landing and Natividad were in San Jose last week to take part in new contract negotiations.

Among officials making the trip were J. B. McGinley and Randolph Fenchel, of Laborers 272; Al Everly, of Plumbers 503; Carl Lara, of Electrical Workers 243 and Painters 1104, and others.

So. Calif. Edison Co. will build 260-foot dam, two mile-long tunnels, powerhouse, etc., at Auberry on the San Joaquin watershed.

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LOOKS LIKE IRON HEEL

It looks like the United States has become an iron heel to help stamp out the aspirations of fellow human beings who are demanding freedom and liberties such as we are enjoying here. We refer to the disgraceful part we are playing in Greece and China, where we have been and still are expending billions of our borrowed money to supply guns, ammunition and war material to governments that are so bad that our own people would not tolerate them and their daily practices over there for a single day if they were attempted here.

Imagine us supporting a government in Greece that only recently adopted a law inflicting the death penalty on working people who strike. One of Chiang Kai-shek's practices against his opponents in China has been to round them up with soldiers and then have their heads chopped off. Not only were the men blotted out in this way but women and children were given the same treatment. And such a government we have been helping to perpetuate and keep in power to the tune of billions of dollars and ship loads upon ship loads of military equipment.

Now this same Chiang seems to be losing his fight for subjugating the people of China. Is the government of the United States going to give his corrupt regime additional billions to prolong this agony? Since when did we become an iron heel to help crush revolutions against corrupt dictatorships that scoff and sneer at freedoms and rights we hold dear?

RENT HOGS BUSY

If anybody thinks our recent election settled anything they had better do some more thinking right now and also back up their thoughts with some loud roaring for having the political party that will be placed back into power in January get right down to business in carrying out their platform pledges, as soon as Congress convenes.

One of the pledges of the Democratic convention of 1948 was to put a stop to rising prices and present high cost of living by establishing controls and ceilings on how much profit hungry manipulators are to be permitted to exact from a helpless public. This, of course, embraces the all important subject of rentals for living quarters, which are supposed to be under a control law, which expires next March.

What the present rent control law did was to assist the landlords to boost their rents 15 per cent in the rent controlled areas. Of all things and of all people these beneficiaries of the present rent law are already logging rolling for being permitted to slap on another 15 per cent. Wouldn't that jar you? Is there no limit to their greed?

Evidently these rent hogs have forgotten already that we have had an election and that our people really were promised something. Yet, after further reflection, what else would you expect from such greedy vultures? They are always out to grab all they possibly can get. To get anywhere with that tribe Congress will just have to sit on them.

REDUCE PUBLIC DEBT

Our nation is pursuing an inexcusable financial policy that is certain, sooner or later, to cause the people who inhabit the United States no end of grief. Although over forty billion dollars a year has been extracted from our people each year that has elapsed since our world wars ended in 1945, so little of this abysmal figure has been applied to the reduction of our national debt, that it is an outright shame.

Billions have been dumped into the laps of reactionary grafters in Greece and China to help keep down revolution against the corrupt governments maintained by force of arms in these countries. But our national debt is permitted to remain at the 260 billion mark, with strong prospects that it will be boosted still higher.

If we do not start reducing this debt now, when our national income is high, what will we be up against when the sledding gets tough and the Shylocks come around to collect their interest on this debt, as they certainly will do if we neglect to start reducing it, while we still are in a position to do something about it?

JOB FAR FROM COMPLETE

Although the campaign of organized labor for the election of November 2nd resulted in the elimination of many bad eggs that held seats in Congress the job was far from complete. Many of the worst ones went right back again and will be there to obstruct every effort that may be made to remedy the evils of the 80th Congress. Here in California we did a miserably poor job, especially in the primary election. That was largely due to so many not being registered then. We did much better in the final election. However, there were 12 of the 13 Republicans, who were elected or re-elected to Congress, who should have been defeated. We still have this job to do.

LABOR NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

(Compiled by the Staff)

BIG STEEL'S program to throttle the growing west by holding out on steel and grabbing off all of the current \$2 billion U.S. ship-building program will get a severe blast from labor, industry, and local governments as a result of a campaign launched in San Francisco last week, to spread to all coast ports. A united drive will demand that government give a fair share of ship work to coast shipyards, which have gotten not a penny's worth of new work.

LABOR'S PROTEST against Gov. Warren's unnecessary continuance of daylight saving time was a big factor in the Governor's decision to return to sun time January 1.

SAN JOSE Butchers won a pay raise to \$80 (before taxes).

SACRAMENTO Bakers opened pay talks, ask 15 percent boost.

WATSONVILLE Laundry Workers won on NLRB vote, 34 out of 36.

LOS ANGELES giant downtown Christmas tree was erected by AFL Engineers and decorated by AFL Decorators Local 1154.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT school of University of San Francisco finished a highly successful course Dec. 7, opens next session in March.

UNION ELECTIONS now on. San Jose Central body re-elected President Walter Jones, Secretary LeRoy Pette.

SANTA CRUZ AFL unions score the State Department of Employment for sending painters, others, on non-union, low-scale jobs.

EMPLOYMENT DEPT. layoff of 450 office workers blasted by AFL unions in Bay Area. No top brass laid off. Field offices now understaffed. Move hurts workers, helps employers by slowing claims for jobless pay.

SAN JOSE Cannery Workers entertained 2000 at annual dance in civic auditorium.

BAKERSFIELD unions proud of James Price, Farm Union leader who was shot by goons in the Di Giorgio ranch strike. Price spoke at the AFL convention in Cincinnati.

WATERFRONT STRIKE end putting many thousands back to work in all lines as commerce resumes.

VALLEJO AFL council asking all locals to help get blood for the 300 Mine Workers laid up in Oakland and Vallejo Permanente hospitals.

LOS ANGELES Printers have asked President Truman to fire NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham. Many other unions taking like action.

RICHMOND labor helping food drive to fill Christmas baskets for the needy.

PRESSMEN have a new president, J. H. de la Rosa of San Mateo, named by the international's board of directors. He succeeds Geo. L. Berry, president for 41 years, who died at Pressmen's Home, Tenn., Dec. 4. Berry visited the coast only two weeks ago.

LOS ANGELES Teachers are on their way to becoming the best AFT local in the U. S., AFT Pres. J. M. Eklund told Local 1021 last week. Ed Ross, president of Alameda County Local 771, was elected president of the California Federation of Teachers at its recent convention in Sacramento.

HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH, LADY!

That is it in a few words: Hold your head high, for if you don't believe in your face, who is going to?

The face you were born with is just a working plan and what you do with it is up to you.

The aforesaid sage advice comes from the Women's Home Companion and it has specific ideas about how a well-made face should look. No woman who wants to be beautiful should forget her facial manners, says the Companion's Beauty Editor.

The first thing to remember is to look cheerful. A bored, pettish, or discouraged expression has never placed first in any beauty contest. As a matter of fact, such expressions furrow the forehead and etch little lines between the brows and around the eyes.

If you cherish the bloom on your cheeks be sure to get enough sleep—it is widely known that one of the greatest destroyers of all feminine beauty is too late hours. And irregular diet will make more wrinkles than you can rub out in a lifetime.

Now, one last word in your building of a beautiful face—don't forget your feet. Although they are far from your face, if your feet hurt it shows in your eyes, on your forehead and around your mouth.

Put these simple, sensible beauty improvements into practice NOW and avoid expensive repairs later.



Profits Tax Would Ruin Business, They Moan

Washington.—Already the sides are shaping up for the battle over taxes which will break out when the 81st Congress meets in January. Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.), one of the "silent" Dixiecrats during the election fight, who is slated to be the Senate Finance Committee, announced last week that he will oppose President Truman's request "It would lead to a destruction of business," the veteran southern spokesman for northern business interests said.

On the other side of the tax fight are Sens. J. Howard McGrath, Democratic Nat'l Committee chairman, and Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who may be chosen president pro-tempore of the Senate. Both urged last week that the levy on swollen corporate profits be re-enacted.

HELP PUBLIC DEBT

O'Mahoney, who fought unsuccessfully for an excess profits curbing during the 80th Congress, pointed out that profits are at an all time high, and said that industry must make its contribution to financing the mounting public debt.

Although not endorsing the excess profits tax proposal, even reactionary lame duck Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.), author of the "aid-the-rich" tax bill passed by the 80th Congress, conceded that corporations must be made to increase their contribution to the federal treasury. He suggested last week that regular corporation income levies be upped 4%.

"MAKING TOO MUCH"

Chastened perhaps by his failure to be reelected, the long-time friend of big business admitted that the steel companies are making too much money.

Still unrepentant, however, is the Nat'l Association of Manufacturers. Last week the NAM pleaded for further tax cuts for the wealthy. Its president, Morris Sayre, declared that "this is the time for a common-sense overhaul of an income tax system which drains off the surplus funds of individuals in the middle and upper income groups whose savings in the past were invested in America's future."

AUTO HINTS

Frequent causes of overheating of an automobile engine, advises the California State Automobile Association, include a broken or slipping fan belt, a clogged radiator, a defective thermostat, and a low water supply in the radiator.

COURTESY PAYS—Sportsman-like driving deserves to be matched with sportsmanlike walking, and the pedestrian who observes the principles of good sportsmanship is the one least likely to suffer traffic injuries, points out the California State Automobile Association.

TRAINED FOR SAFETY—Skill helps to take the "kill" out of driving, leaving only the "S" for safety, says the California State Automobile Association, which calls attention to the fact that scores of California high schools are now contributing to the cause of traffic safety by teaching behind-the-wheel driving to students.

MOTOR TUNE-UP—Modern automobile engines require accurate adjustments to deliver top performance. If starting trouble develops gradually and it is difficult to diagnose the cause, the California State Automobile Association recommends consulting a competent mechanic.

CONSTRUCTION

(Courtesy "Daily Pacific Builder")
Requested from state, \$19.8 million for Univ. of Calif. Eng Bldg., \$2.4. Paleontology bldg., \$1.8. Davis Lab., \$1. Other buildings at Davis, \$1.9. Riverside and UCLA, \$11.3.

U. S. Pub. Health Serv. hosp., Tulare, \$1.2 million, funds tent. allocated.

Vets Hosp., Houston, \$18.3 million, apparent low bid, Robt. E. McKee, Dallas.

Work to start early 1949, PG&E Sando Power plant, Antioch, \$50 million.

Contemplated youth center, Sacramento, YMCA, \$1.2 million.

Canyon Ferry dam, power pnt., Missouri Basin Proj., near Helena, low bid, \$12.9 million, Canyon Constructors.

Finishing plans, S.F. library, Parker & Golden Gate Aves., 1.2 million.

Stockton plant, \$500,000, W. Coast Machinery, Inc., underway.

Bids by May: Richmond Civic Center, \$1.5 million.

Levee setbacks, Sacra. river, H. Earl Parker, \$864,687.

Taking bids, Ukiah county jail, \$580,000.

Five-year bldg. program, S.F. Health dept., \$6.8 million, major items at Laguna Honda Home and Hasler Health Home.

Willows hosp., U.S. Pub. Health serv., funds tent. alloc., \$603,850.

TB Sanatorium, Santa Barbara County, \$634,400, H. M. Hodges, L.A.

S.F. Sports Arena, Market & Duboce, Winterland Corp., plans underway, \$2 million.

San Mateo airport, funds requested, \$1.6 million, Brewer Island.

Salinas Hosp., plans underway, \$2 to \$3 million.

High Court Sustains Law on Portal Pay

Washington. — The Supreme Court in effect sustained the 1947 law passed by Congress repudiating claims for retroactive "portal-to-portal" pay, reaching perhaps \$6,000,000,000. The high court acted by writing the word "denied" against an appeal by 13 employees of B. H. Hubbert & Son at Baltimore.

Two years ago the Supreme Court held that under the Wage-Hour Law workers could collect pay for time spent in preparing for work after reporting for their jobs. Subsequently, there was a torrent of lawsuits, claiming back pay, founded on time used in changing clothes at factories, time consumed in walking from the plant gate to the job, etc. Finally, Congress enacted a measure knocking out portal-to-portal pay claims unless covered by contracts or recognized by practice and tradition.

Early oil wells were often less than 100 feet deep. Now there are producing wells over two miles deep.

Car Dealers Gyp Public to The Tune of \$450 Million!

Washington.—Used car dealers have been gyping the public and keeping much of their profits off the books, testimony before a congressional subcommittee revealed here last week.

A salesman for a Washington used car dealer told Rep. W. Kingsland Macy (R., N.Y.) that he always gets an under-the-counter tip from a car buyer and doesn't think that \$500 is too much to expect.

95% MARK-UP

The same salesman, William Manuel of the Kearney Oldsmobile Co., said that his outfit charges almost double what it pays for a car—in fact, a 95.4% mark-up. Raymond J. Kearney, co-owner of the company said that he considers such practices "good business." He said that they merely take trade-ins "for as little as we can" and sell them "for as much as we can." Confronted with evidence that all his profits aren't going on the books, Kearney stood on his constitutional right not to answer incriminating questions.

The Macy committee estimates that dealers throughout the country have raked in \$200,000,000 by undervaluing used cars and another \$250,000,000 by selling car buyers unwanted accessories.

GOT THE WORKS

Scripps-Howard columnist Fred Othman cited the horrid instance of one citizen "who thought he was buying a low-price two-door coach and found it equipped with fog lights, spotlights, a heater, a radio with an extra speaker in the rear, a windshield wiper on the back window, and special water squirts behind the regular windshield wipers. It had a costly steering wheel, an electric clock, two cigar lighters, a lap robe, puncture-proof tubes in the tires, a special holder for tissues (in case he had a cold while driving), extra ashtrays and widgets to buzz when he got too close to the curb.

SCREWBALL EXTRAS
"The car had been waxed and polished at a cost of \$40 and sprayed underneath with a goo which was supposed to silence rattles and cost \$40 more. It had a hydraulic jack, a windshield defogger, a sun visor, three rear-view mirrors, chromium rims on the wheels and special tin flaps to hide these from view.

"In the luggage compartment was a set of matched suitcases. And that's all he had to buy to get his car; anything else would have weighed it down until it probably wouldn't have run. It was offered to him on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. He took it at an extra cost of better than \$600."

Macy said that unless the auto industry polices its own back yard, it may become subject to price controls. (And what a good idea that would be!—Ed.)

October Unemployment Down 3% in N. Y. State

New York. — Registered unemployment in New York state dropped in October to the lowest point in 3 years, the Division of Research and Statistics of the State Department of Labor reported.

The division said that only 288,407 persons claimed unemployment insurance benefits that month, 3 percent below the number of claimants in September. In November, 1945—3 months after V-J Day—there were 277,152 claimants.

It was also revealed that employment in nonagricultural industries in the state rose in September to the highest point of the year, with 5,501,000 persons in jobs. The decrease in registered unemployment last month occurred chiefly in the number of veterans applying for readjustment allowances.

Hard Times

"These sausages you sent me meat at one end and bread-crumbs at the other," said Mrs. Andrews. "Yes, madam," replied the butcher; "in these hard times it is difficult to make both ends meat."

NLRB GRABS WHIP OVER A HOME REMODEL

NLRB last week took jurisdiction in a secondary boycott case growing out of a strike of Chattanooga, Tenn., AFL Carpenters on a house remodeling job on the grounds it was aimed at a materials company engaged in interstate commerce.

The board declared: "... the legislative history of the 1947 amendments is replete with evidence that, especially where secondary boycotts were concerned, Congress intended the Board to exercise its plenary power to protect small and relatively local enterprises against the impact of union boycotts aimed at the installation of materials furnished by primary employers, the interstate character of whose business is clear."

"INDUCING MEMBERS"

It was the board's first ruling on secondary boycotts in the building industry. It ordered Local 74 to cease inducing members of the union to engage in work stoppage or boycott aimed at compelling any employer to stop doing business with the Ira A. Watson Co. of Knoxville, which operates 27 floor covering and paint stores in seven states.

HOUSTON DISSENTS

Board member John M. Houston dissented against the majority opinion, saying: "I believe that the effect on commerce here is so remote and so insubstantial and that the controversy involved is so local in character as to make undesirable any exercise of the Federal power. I see no compulsive consideration in the legislative history of the amended statute which would dictate the contrary merely because the operation involved concerns the building and construction industry."

Majority opinion signed by Chairman Paul H. Herzog and Members James J. Reynolds, Jr., Abe Murdock, and J. Copeland Gray, said, in part:

"PRESSURE ON CUSTOMERS"

The firm's "purchases and sales across State lines are substantial in size. On the other hand, Stanley's activity in remodeling his own residence was, if viewed in isolation, a local operation. But the fact that the . . . work stoppage, aimed as it was at Watson, occurred at Stanley's local operation does not necessarily immunize it against the interdictions of the Act."

"... In the present case, the effect of the Respondents' conduct on commerce cannot be measured solely in terms of the Stanley agreement, for any widespread application of such pressure by the Respondents (Local 74 and Business Agent Jack Henderson) to other customers of Watson, such as can reasonably be anticipated on the basis of this record, could well result in a substantial decrease in Watson's business and in material purchased from points outside the State of Tennessee."

Feminine Frerogative

Five-year-old Sue was "helping" her daddy at his work bench in the basement. Finally he tired of her incessant chatter and questions, and he asked her to be quiet for a little while.

"I don't have to be quiet," Sue stated importantly. "I'm a woman."

LONG MAY SHE WAVE!



Armless since birth, 5-year-old Grace Purcell of Lovejoy, Ga., will get a pair of artificial limbs and a college education, thanks to railroad men who noticed the little girl as she waved at trains passing her home. The trainmen have been taking up annual Christmas collections for their little friend.

With Local 890



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Local 890

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Your union received comment in the International Magazine for December as a result of seven members establishing a fleet team record in a nation-wide contest sponsored by the National Safety Council. The following article is a reprint taken out of our International Magazine.

CALIFORNIA DRIVERS COP SAFETY CONTEST

Seven members of Local Union 890, Salinas, Calif., recently established a fleet team record in a nation-wide contest sponsored by the National Safety Council. Drivers for the Permanente Metal Company, Permanente, Calif., they traveled 425,000 miles in the year ending June 30, and won out over 1,500 fleet teams competing throughout the nation.

The seven men, after being informed of their victory, met and nominated Peter Juster, one of their group, to attend the National Safety Council meeting in Chicago and to receive the award. It was presented to Juster on October 21 in the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel in Chicago. A driver for Permanente Metals for five years, Juster has been a member of the Teamsters for 15 years. In the period from July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948, he drove his truck approximately 150,000 miles without an accident.

Since the Permanente drivers have won honors for safe driving, local 890 again has been honored by the drivers at Mission creameries who won awards from the National Safety Council for safe driving for the past year in the light truck division. The following members of this Union were honored with Gold Pins: Leo Betts, Earl Lasseter, Ralph Harris and W. Freer.

As you all realize we have a great responsibility in the community and on the highways. We wish to advise all our members who drive any type of equipment to make sure that that equipment is in good running order and to check the breaks and running lights before it is taken out.

Your Union has been conducting an automobile insurance column and the following is another release on questions and answers. Read it carefully:

PROTECT YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE

Question: What must a driver do upon striking unattended vehicle?

Answer: The driver must stop and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of the vehicle struck, giving his name and address, and if non-owner, the name and address of the owner of vehicle he is operating or shall leave in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck a written statement of circumstances. The driver must forward a similar notice within 24 hours to the police department of the city where the collision occurred, or if in unincorporated territory, to the Sheriff of the County or to the local headquarters of the California Highway Patrol.

WHEN DRIVER IS UNABLE TO REPORT

Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of making a required accident report and there was another occupant in his vehicle at the time of the accident, such occupant shall make or cause to be made said report.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We have been issued instructions by our International office and you will find a reprint of same in the December International Magazine governing our jurisdiction; no withdrawal cards will be issued to any member of our Union going to work where our jurisdiction is concerned, whether here or any part of the United States or Canada. In order that we may continue to protect our existing agreements it is important that this is adhered to in that all our jurisdiction be organized. Your International has started the ball rolling by creating National Councils in all of our Trade Divisions. A National Warehousemen Council and a National Produce Committee was recently formed at a convention held in Chicago. Bro. Harris from Local 890 was installed on the Policy Committee. The same conditions will apply in the general hauling division, the Dairy division, automotive covering Cab, tire shops, gas stations and garages; and all other phases of our jurisdiction. Very certainly this will improve wages, hours, and conditions for all members throughout the nation.

ATTENTION ALL CAB DRIVERS

Your Union is endeavoring to establish an increase in this industry; everything will be done to bring this matter to an amicable and successful conclusion. A meeting with all cab drivers will perhaps be held at this office before this column goes to press.

PERMANENTE

Negotiations started December 7th for a wage increase for all

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

The Central Labor Union of Monterey joined with local unions last week in protesting use of inmates of the state prison at Soledad in doing work which should be performed by building trades crafts on new construction at the prison.

Letters were ordered to sent to State Director of Public Works Purcell, the letters pointing out that workers are paying taxes to maintain prisons, which in turn are depriving workers of employment which is rightfully theirs.

Congressman Ernest K. Bramlett was a visitor at the Central Labor Union meeting of December 8, speaking informally with council delegates on various matters pertaining to his office and also in regard legislation now pending and expected to come before Congress.

Bramlett was asked his opinion on social security for agricultural workers and declared he was in favor of old age benefits for everyone in the nation.

In the matter of price controls, he declared that nothing in this line was in sight except for broader control and possibly some effort to bring freight rates under control as a service to shippers.

Bramlett concluded his informal visit with a suggestion that the council keep him informed as to the views of Organized Labor on various legislative matters.

Union reports at the meeting included:

Painters 1104: Signed agreement covering glaziers and linoleum layers.

Electricians: Fourteen men now working at P. C. & E. project.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Union 912: Associated Produce Co. of Castroville on "We Do Not Patronize" list, consent election sought for Tri-County Packing Co. at Castroville, work slow.

Urges Shooting Of Some Does

Controlled shooting of does in some areas is the answer to many of California's present deer management problems, a University of California zoology professor has advised the Fish and Game Commission.

Without taking action, Commissioners at their November meeting heard Dr. A. Starker Leopold urge restricted antlerless deer shooting on an experimental basis with the ultimate goal of assuring a continued and increased supply of deer in the future.

Leopold told the Commission: The management program carried on by the Commission and the Legislature since 1900 has produced more deer than can be handled in many areas. The all-time record kill of deer by hunters in 1948 and mounting deer depredation complaints in agricultural sections are surface evidences that the deer population has reached its limit.

National experts in deer management agree that deer populations thrive when 20 to 25 per cent of the herd is removed every year. In California, the only Western State where doe hunting is prohibited, the estimated annual harvest ranges from six to ten per cent.

Starvation and lowered resistance to disease and predators threaten many deer herds where over-grazing occurs. Removal of surplus does and spiked bucks in some areas would eventually increase the carrying capacities of the range and produce more legal bucks for the hunter's bag.

Better utilization of the deer crop is not only possible but necessary to assure continued survival of herds in some sections. Leopold is making a three-year study of the deer problem under the provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act, financed jointly by State and Federal funds. He was asked by the Commission to thoroughly investigate every phase of deer management in California.

Due to the urgency of developing an interim policy of deer management before Dr. Leopold's three-year study is completed in 1950, the Commission requested an outline based on 14 months of investigations.

Hawkes responded with a dreary warning that "so long as a majority of our people seek to give less for a dollar, they will get less for a dollar, and if they are going to be led astray by the philosophy that they can get something for nothing or that the world owes a living to the indolent, the shiftless and the sluggards—there is no hope for the redemption of America."

The delegates were presented with two forecasts of the number of homes to be built next year. F. W. Dodge Corporation predicts a seven per cent drop over this year's total of about 950,000 units. Dexter Keezer, economist for McGraw Hill publications, said the current rate of homebuilding would continue through 1949 and perhaps 1950. Then, Keezer warned, either building prices would be lower, or there will be a "substantial bust" in the construction industry.

Vaupes tribes of Colombia are said to be less affected by modern civilization than Indians of any other major area in South America.

MINUTES Central Labor Council

December 7, 1948

The meeting was called to order by President Winters.

The roll call showed the presence of 13 delegates from seven locals. Regular officers present were Pres. Winters, V-Pres. Carl, Sec-Treas. Edwards, and Sgt-at-Arms DuBose.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Organizing Committee reported that the Clerks have a controversy with Mr. Cedarwald, or the Seaside Market. The Committee had, after consultation with the Council secretary, sent a telegram to Mr. Cedarwald citing him to appear at this meeting tonight.

Various communications were presented and considered.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to send the DiGiorgio Strike Relief fund \$25.

DELEGATES REPORTS

The Bakers reported that their picket is still walking in front of the Pep Creamery. The Pep patronage has been out considerably. Much that they now have is made up of high school students and soldiers. They reported 31 new members since last report. One new house has been signed up and negotiations are under way with several others.

The Cannery Workers reported a good meeting, a large initiation, and that the union endorsed the action of the Executive Committee in opposing the proposed city sales tax.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting and three new members. The Clerks reported election of officers for the coming year and that effort now is concentrated on the Seaside Market.

Mrs. Moreau, for the Teachers, reported on her attendance at the State Teachers Convention in Sacramento. She reported that much was accomplished and that the teachers showed great enthusiasm.

The Teamsters reported on regular meeting since last report. They have been doing organizational work in Salinas and expect to begin organizational work in Monterey very soon. They reported that they have signed contracts with 22 bottling firms in this area and that only one not signed up in the Coca Cola Company.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that Proprietor of the Coca Cola Company be cited to appear at the next meeting to show cause why his company should not be placed on the unfair list.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Seaside Market be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list and that the Clerks be authorized to place pickets as they see fit.

The Clerks presented a communication asking for support in a drive against non-union chain department stores. They are having controversies in Vallejo and Los Angeles against the Penny and Woolworth Stores, and the Carl Shoe Store, and some others not represented locally.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to "buy" bonds of the Monterey County Tuberculosis and Health Association to the amount of fifteen dollars.

Bro. Rice commented that public support is woefully weak in any labor controversy. He recommended that we might very profitably hire time on the radio for fifteen minutes a week. This was endorsed by the representatives of the Teamsters from Salinas, who expressed the idea that the Salinas Council would probably be glad to help pay for such a program.

Other delegates also spoke in favor of such a plan. Bro. Rice was instructed to learn details and to report at the next meeting. He said such a program would probably cost about \$75 a month.

Mrs. Moreau reported that she had attended a meeting of the Pacific Grove City Council at which a city sales tax was discussed. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Secretary write letters to the City Council of Monterey, Carmel, and Pacific Grove, protesting against the adoption of a city sales tax.

Bro. Harris, of Salinas (Teamsters), announced that the annual A. F. of L. Kiddies Christmas Party would be held December 18 in the Salinas High School auditorium.

Washington Printers Ask Strike Vote

Washington (FP) — Printers working for major newspapers here asked the executive council of the International Typographical Union (AFL) November 8 for permission to take a strike vote. The move was approved with near unanimity by a membership meeting of ITU Local 101, which includes 650 working printers on four metropolitan dailies. Eight weeks of negotiations have brought no concessions from the publishers.

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



**HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS
ALLIANCE 483
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

The pickets are still walking in front of the Pep Fountain Restaurant — and that's about all that we can say! No "peace" overtures have, as yet, been made by either party. Since the owners of the Pep have previously informed us that they can afford a lengthy dispute—it begins to look as though we'll be walking there for an indefinite period of time.

Well, the fresh air and exercise amount to some compensation for the two hours invested! And, strangely enough, several members who confessed they were somewhat timid about walking the picket line for their allotted two hours have found that they actually enjoyed the experience. If each member called up for picket duty will report to the office promptly, and make arrangements to care for their shift, all will go well. With our present membership, no one member will be called more often than once every six or eight weeks. Several unemployed members are, of course, available to walk your shift for you, should you be unable to put in the two hours yourself. Just let the Union Office know, and arrangements will be made.

Monterey streets are gaily decorated for the Christmas holiday already, and doubtless Carmel and Pacific Grove will follow suit very soon. This brings to mind the unpleasant fact that our industry and employment are currently at a low ebb, as is usually the case in this community during the winter season. We are sorry also to report that a few of our members, selfishly or thoughtlessly, have been working extra shifts in addition to their regular work week, thus knocking one of our unemployed members out of a day's pay. Please remember that those less fortunate than you who are steadily employed would also like to enjoy the Christmas holidays, and the few dollars earned by working an extra shift will help them to get through the slow season. The executive board will act upon any further reports of steadily employed members working extra or relief shifts when there are qualified unemployed members available. And Mr. Employer, please don't forget that the Hiring Clause of our Union Agreement provides that the Union Office shall be notified when you are in need of extra or replacement help. Your calls to the Union when you are in need of help will insure that our unemployed members will get their fair chance at whatever employment is available.

The Lucido's new restaurant (father "Slat" and sons, Tom and Sal) is due to open any day now. Located on the north side of Fisherman's Wharf, the new spot features California redwood for exterior and interior finish, nicely combined with brick, tile flooring, and chrome steel furnishings. Slat's Fish Grotto is a most attractive establishment and should provide a most pleasant atmosphere for seafood dinners. Business Agent Charlie Osterloh reports that the contract has already been signed, and a new Union House Card is prominently displayed.

The "Show Bar", located on Pacific Avenue at the Presidio Gate, has changed hands. Reopened on December 1st under the management of Ben, Phil and Ida. (Many old-timers will remember the LOS QUATRO VIENTES, operated for years by Ida's father, the late Ricardo Mascara.) We were pleasantly surprised to find the kitchen full of wonderful aromas, and our friend Jack Dentone presiding over the ranges. Jack has had many, many years of training and experience in preparing and serving FINE Italian and French food, both in Europe and New York City. And he REALLY turns out some wonderful dishes at the SHOW-BAR, at surprisingly modest prices. Stop in to look the place over—and your nose will lead you to the cookery!

From time to time, various members of Local 483 have put forth the idea that our Union should sponsor classes, particularly for waitresses and cooks, which would aid many of our newer members in learning about the hotel and restaurant business — and, more particularly, more about SERVING and PLEASEING their customers, AND "The Boss" by conserving food and "selling" items which might go to waste if left on the shelf or on the range for a few more hours. We think such suggestions are excellent, and, after a discussion with the Executive Board, plans are being formulated to begin such instruction. First step will be taken very soon, when the Union secretary will get off a letter to all "the bosses", asking for their opinions and suggestions for such activity. We feel that such a program, sponsored or endorsed jointly by the Employers and the Union, can be of tremendous benefit to all concerned. A preliminary outline of such a course for waitresses will be drawn up and presented to a cross-section of our membership for their expressions, and criticisms also. One of the first requisites for the success of such an undertaking is, of course, CO-OPERATION—the co-operation of employers and work-

ers is essential if the plan is to be workable. Let your Union Office know if you have suggestions to offer along these lines—we need your help—and are not bashful for that assistance!

Don't forget our new By-Law amendments—because if YOU DO FORGET them, it's apt to hurt you at a vulnerable location—your pocketbook. Remember — ALL DUES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH — or the delinquent member will have to pay an extra one buck if he forgets. YOU MUST ATTEND ONE MEETING PER MONTH (unless excused for illness, conflicting working hours, etc.) — or pay the buck for non-attendance. And, last but not least, ALL DUES, ASSESSMENTS, AND FINES MUST BE PAID AT THE UNION OFFICE—your secretary and business agent can only collect on new applications or reinstatements while in the field. Keep these simple rules in mind—live up to them—and you'll have no cause to complain—because you won't be eligible for any of the one buck fines. Your officers sincerely hope that the Union will NEVER have to impose and collect a fine. With your cooperation and assistance, there will be no necessity for such action.

Last regular meeting for DECEMBER—WEDNESDAY, December 15th, 2:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.
GEORGE L. RICE, Secretary.

News Items About APPRENTICES

The Apprentice of Today Is the Journeyman of Tomorrow

WATSONVILLE JAC FOR THE BUILDING TRADES CRAFTS:

At its October meeting changed its name as listed above. Considerable discussion was held regarding new construction projects in the area and plans made for a substantial increase in the number of apprentices.

MONTEREY PENINSULA CARPENTERS JAC:

The committee requested its secretary to write a letter to the local union regarding apprentices who, before completion of their apprentice training program, go before the union evaluation committee and are given journeyman cards. The committee feels this is detrimental not only to the apprentices involved, but to those still in training.

MONTEREY PENINSULA PAINTERS & DECORATORS JAC:

Recently organized, this JAC has adopted general apprenticeship standards for the painting and decorating trade, with supplements for glaziers, carpet, linoleum and soft tile layers, and pictorial painters. Lewis H. Crane, employer representative, was elected as JAC chairman, and J. L. Bolin, employee representative, as contact secretary.

Butchers Win New Wage Rate In Local 506

Ratification of the proposed new contract for retail butchers in Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito counties and the Watsonville area of Santa Cruz county was voted at meetings conducted by Butchers Union 506 this week, according to Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of the union.

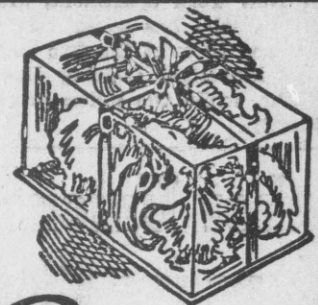
New wage scale agreed upon in recent negotiations with employer groups is \$90 for journeyman butchers, Moorhead said. Gains in the new agreement include pro rata vacations and rewording of sections of the agreement for clarification, Moorhead said.

Wage boosts are retroactive to November 22, he added. Ratification meetings were held in Salinas last Monday; Monterey, on Tuesday; San Jose, on Wednesday, and Palo Alto, on Thursday. While complete vote of the membership had not been recorded, Moorhead said ratification was virtually assured as the agreement was in accord with union demands.

Negotiations for an agreement for retail butchers in the Santa Cruz area, members of Butchers Union 266 of Santa Cruz, are to start at a meeting with employers there on Thursday, December 16, Moorhead added. Local 266 has its own contract as negotiated by Business Representative Kaspar Bauer.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

The meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by Chairman Alsop at 8 p.m., December 2, 1948.

Roll call showed 19 delegates from nine local unions present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, November 18, read and approved. Credentials from Roofers L. U. 50 for Donald E. King were read and after favorable action by the Organization Board, Brother King was seated by vote of the council.

Form No. 75 was returned from Pile Drivers and Dock Builders L. U. 34. Local Union 34 is now one of the affiliated unions of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, and is paying per capita tax on members working in this county. The council is very pleased to have L. U. 34 as one of its members.

All bills were read and after consideration by the trustees were ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building and Construction Trades Council noted and filed.

Two Weekly Newsletters noted. Minutes of the Central Labor Council read and filed.

A letter from the Richfield Oil Corporation requesting wage rates for laborers in the Salinas district read and filed.

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Brother Miller submitted his report in writing and made an oral report of the various jobs contacted. Brother Miller also reported on the Building Trades convention in Fresno. Brother Miller's report was accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brickmasons L. U. 16: No report. Carpenters L. U. 1323: No meeting.

Laborers L. U. 690: Good meeting. Will have a Christmas party some time in the future.

Lathers L. U. 122: Brother Bengtson—routine meeting.

Electricians L. U. 1072: No meeting.

Painters L. U. 272: Brother Bolin—routine meeting; two new members.

Plasterers L. U. 337: No meeting.

Plumbers L. U. 62: No meeting.

Roofers L. U. 50: Brother Smith—routine meeting.

Sheet Metal Workers L. U. 304: No meeting.

Pile Drivers L. U. 34: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Organization Board requested more time to study the request from Engineers L. U. 3 concerning per capita tax.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Bethards called attention to the picket line in front of the Pep Creamery and requested all building trades men and their families to respect the picket line of the Culinary Workers.

Brother Thomas and Brother Foster reported on the attendance of the City Council meeting in Pacific Grove in which the council discussed the city sales tax for the Grove.

The financial report was read and accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY FOSTER,

Recording Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Since our last meeting, the secretary has received a telegram from State President Frank A. Lawrence stating he has arranged with international representatives to meet in Monterey on Thursday, December 16, 1948 at 2 p.m. at the Building Trades Hall, 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey. All representatives of Salinas and Monterey building trades unions are notified to be present.



FULL HOUSE—Fourteen children in one apartment can be too much of a good thing, their parents agree, but they had no choice. Mrs. Mary Canning (standing, right), a member of Local 6, Hotel & Club Employees Union (AFL), and her seven children, evicted from their New York apartment, gratefully accepted the hospitality of a neighbor, who has seven children of her own. When the landlord threatened to evict the two families, Mrs. Canning took her children to the Municipal Lodging House where they are living in dismal barracks, while the union presses their case with the City Housing Authority.

Labor Unions Ignored in Plans for Civil Defense

By BRADFORD V. CARTER, LPA Columnist

Defense Secretary Forrestal released last week the report of the Office of Civil Defense Planning, a survey of America's civil defense requirements. This new OCPD is a skeleton organization, set up by Forrestal himself. Its full time staff is a cadre of regular army officers. They are supplemented by a part-time collection industrialists, doctors, police and fire chiefs, engineers and assorted experts.

It's eerie to pick up a 300-page volume about what sort of things we'd have to do if America gets into another war, cleaning up the rubble that air raids will make of our cities and factories, and organizing medical services to cope with war's terrible destruction of human life. But in a world still not at peace it is better to face the problems of national security than to pretend that they don't exist.

"LABOR, GIRL SCOUTS"

The report does not deal with a number of the most important aspects of the problem it sets out to solve. Startling is its failure to recognize the importance of voluntary organizations of citizens in the actual mobilization of the 15 million, part-time civil defense workers the report estimates will be needed.

"Full use should, of course, be made of civic, fraternal, social, veterans and other community organizations, including women's groups, organizations of boys and girls, business, labor, agricultural and professional associations and the like," the report says. But OCPD has given no real thought to the role that some of those groups could play. The "of course" is a dead give away, as is this lumping together of unions and the Girl Scouts.

Even in the section devoted to the protection of industrial plants, no mention is made of the role of the unions. It is assumed that in time of crisis the plans of management will be good enough, that labor need not be consulted, and that the workers will blindly respond to whatever directions are given them by the company.

BRITISH LABORERS' ROLE

Frequent references occur to the success of Britain's civil defense program during the Nazi air raids. But there is at least one phase of the British experience that Mr. Forrestal's friends haven't studied.

Throughout Britain's war effort the Trades Union Congress was consulted on every important phase of home defense. Regular machinery was set up for channeling national, industry-wide, and local union suggestions through to the responsible authorities. Numerous improvements made in the system as air raids intensified were proposed by the unions.

Two TUC nominees and several Labor party leaders, men close to the union movement, sat with government officials, technicians and businessmen on the top program commission. Not one labor representative is on Mr. Forrestal's OCPD board.

"AT PLANT LEVEL"

In September 1940, at the height of the blitz, Winston Churchill, no champion of trade unionism, said that if industry was to continue in operation the whole problem of plant protection, and continued work during times of danger would have to be resolved at the plant level.

Plant plans "must be the result of discussion" between management and labor, Churchill said, and praised the ingenuity that workers had already shown in tackling disaster problems. No such attitude as this shines through the pages of OCPD's report. But, Mr. Forrestal, it was consultation and co-operation that sustained England—not orders from on high.

Racing boats, with hydrofoils under their hulls that lift them well out of the water when traveling fast, are capable of great speed. The hydrofoils are wing-like parts that project downward and backward.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Labor Press Asks More AFL Aid; Curb Racket Press

Washington.—In a report to the recent AFL convention, the International Labor Press of America urged that every effort be made by the American Federation of Labor to curb the activities of alleged labor papers, and to provide the recognized AFL labor press with an expanded news service and other facilities.

Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, who submitted the report on behalf of the ILP, declared that the condition of the labor press had improved during the preceding year from the standpoint of the number of members affiliated with the organization, and in the quality of journalism.

He reported on the success of the 1948 journalistic award contest sponsored by the ILP, and declared that due to its value in stimulating better efforts on the part of the labor papers, it would be continued in 1949.

The report submitted by Mr. Martel hailed the accomplishment of the labor press in the last election campaign. The statement said: "With the results of the recent national election still fresh in our minds, it seems safe to predict that the attempt to muzzle the labor press insofar as political action is concerned, will be wiped out along with the rest of this vicious anti-labor legislation that aroused the rank and file of American wage earners more than any other question in recent years."

It might be stated here, with pardonable pride, that the labor press contributed considerably to the achievement of the victory on November 2 by its consistent and militant editorial attack upon the enemies of labor in and out of the Congress.

We are gratified to note the tribute paid by Secretary-Treasurer Meany of the AFL to the contribution made by the labor press during the recent intensive political campaign.

We desire to call to your attention the fact that only about half of the AFL international unions have their publications affiliated with the labor press group. We recommend that our committee, which will be designated to confer with President Green and the executive council of the AFL shall also take up the matter of these international unions whose publications are still outside of the fold of the AFL organized labor press.

It is the position of our association that no publication can give loyal service simultaneously to both the AFL and CIO, and we submit the true adherence to the policies of the American Federation of Labor must at all times be prerequisite to membership in the labor press.

Discussing the condition of the ILP, the report declared: "Considering the high mortality rate in the field of labor press journalism, superinduced in recent times by the scarcity and high price of paper, plus rising cost of production, we are pleased to report an excellent condition as compared with last year's record."

Our roster shows a total membership as of 1948, of 219. Of this number there were admitted as new members during 1948, 28 publications.

Army Order: "Bury Airplane Valves"

After the war, the army and navy burned, buried and threw in the ocean vast quantities of American supplies which had been shipped to foreign countries. That the same sort of thing went on right here at home is indicated by this shocking news:

This week, the Illinois State Police dug up 80,000 airplane engine valves, buried in a "private dump." They had cost American taxpayers about \$6 million.

Inquiry disclosed that the valves had been buried by the Chrysler Corporation, on orders from the army.

Army spokesmen insisted the valves were "worthless," but an airline official was quoted as saying he is paying \$75 a piece for exactly the same kind of valves right now.

Union Directory

ATTENTION!

Union Directory will be run in the issue of the second week of each month unless lack of space prohibits. All changes, corrections and additions must be received at the newspaper office by the 1st of the month. Clip this directory for reference during the current month.

MONTEREY

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Sec., and Bus. Cecil L. Bradford, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres. O. Jolley, 333 Ormer St., phone 2-1177; Sec. A. H. Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4547.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Pres. James MacFarland, 2305 S. Main St., Monterey, phone 1578-R; Office, 315 Alvarado; phone 6784.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m.; Pres. F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville, phone 344; Sec. Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6744; Mailing address, P. O. Box 611, Monterey. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres. J. H. Haggerty, 1229 Broadway, Monterey, phone 2177; Sec. G. 7581; Sec. Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CO. 9320; Bus. Agt. Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 1578-R; Office, 315 Alvarado; phone 6784.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone 4-2638; District Vice-President, Anthony Agillo, P. O. Box 434, San Jose, phone Ballard 2774.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Carpenters Hall, 177 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. I. Harter, 1422 N. Main St., Sec. Sec. A. O. Miller, Hall and office 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Sec., A. W. Reiger, Bus. Agt., Floyd Hill.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs. Ernest Darnell, 1229 Broadway, Monterey, phone 2177; Sec. Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603; Bus. Agt. Mrs. Earl E. Haggerty, 727 Burke St., phone 2-2654; Office, Carpenters Union Hall, 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday 8:30 p.m.; Pres. Frank Brantley, 177 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. I. Harter, 1422 N. Main St., Sec. Sec. A. O. Miller, Hall and office 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m.; Pres. Harold Lee Davis, 1323 Alma Ave.; Sec. Treas. Edgar Brown, 531 E. Roosevelt; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2340 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 117 Pajaro St., Pres. Karl Ozaola, Sec. Sec. Gerald Ingle, Fin. Sec. & Bus. Mgr., Carl Lora, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 8783.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas, Pres. Frank Brantley, Sec. Leo Derby, Mar. C. C. Flynn, Bus. Agt. R. A. Christiansen, Rm. 483 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 8655-M; Main office, 2004 18th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on 1st Monday at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres. Thomas P. Flores, 629 Lilly St., Sec. and Bus. Agt. John Crivello, 407 Franklin St., phone 7715; Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m.; Pres. Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave., phone 9548; Sec. Treas. and Bus. Agt. S. M. Freeman, P. O. Box 142, phone 2-6215; Office 315 Alvarado; phone 6744.

LATHERS 482—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m.; Pres. Roy R. Bengt, Hilby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4603; Sec. Treas., Dick Reiter, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Pres. Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, Sec., Doris Lake, 397 Holloman St., Monterey, phone 3594.

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NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2278—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 2111 Webster St., Oakland, Pres. Lester E. Butler, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone 5235; Sec. Treas., John Johnson, 5463 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone Olympic 3-0720.

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PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m.; Pres. Lawrence Nichols, 227 River St., Monterey, phone 2-1509; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. P. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Salinas Labor Temple, Pres. Al. Every, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Walter Rogers, 214 East Curtis St., phone 2-0522; Sec. Sec. Robt. Larsen, 615 East St., phone 5923; Ex. Bd. meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

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ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.; Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres. James M. Ray, 229 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Sec. and Bus. Agt., W. W. Powell, Box 696, Seaside, phone Mont. 2-1284.

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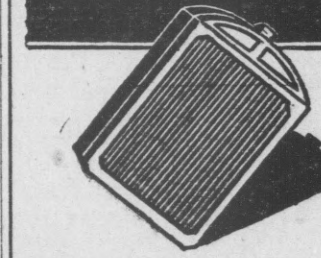
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